First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

December 4, 2022
10:00 am

“Visions of Peace”
Second Sunday in Advent

Stewardship Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"O Come O Come Emmanuel
Arr, Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **" PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **PATTY SHERWOOD**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is Patty Sherwood
  - The Greeters are Tad Wysor (Roomie), Jeanette Sherrill (Zoomie) and they will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service. Please gather your elements before worship. Creativity is a blessing!**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Longing for Light", v.1, 2 & Refrain
Bernadette Farrell

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: Arise, take courage, and catch a glimpse of peace!

People: We are together, not alone.
In spirit and in community we gather on this second Sunday in Advent.
In solidarity and with courage we work together for a world full of peace, where all of creation will flourish.
Our witness is to and for peace.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Peace is a real possibility. In solidarity we pray, work, and wait for its blossoming. *(The candles of Hope and Peace are lit.)*

People: God-of-peace-and-possibility, kindle in the hearts of all compassion and love so goodness, just deeds, the common good, and trust bring justice for everyone. In the name of the Child, the peaceful one. Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Comfort, Comfort O My People"
101 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 11:1-3 & 6-10** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

SECOND READING **Romans 15:4-13** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"
108 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Vision of Peace"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

God of Peace, it is so hard to find peace, in our hearts, in our communities, in our world. We ache for it. We know this is not how you would want us to be. May your will be done. May your peace prevail. May our longing for peace lead us on a new journey to your sacred peace. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING INVITATION AND DEDICATION OF 2023 PLEDGES **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
Arr, Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"
136 NCH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Amazing God, You inspire us to oppose wickedness,
to stand up for the oppressed,
to work in harmony among all your children.
May our offerings spread the knowledge of your ways
across the earth, widening the circle of inclusion
to embrace all your people, in Jesus name.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ***Microphone muted** **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come to the Table of Grace"
112 SING

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Watcher, Tell Us of the Night"
103 NCH

BENEDICTION *Responsive **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: We may not know when,
People: But we will go, to bring God's grace to our broken world.
Leader We may not know who,
People: Yet we will go, to receive Jesus' hope from those we are uncomfortable being around.
Leader: We may not know how,
People: But we will go, to share the Spirit's peace in the most unusual places.
Leader: Go with God. Amen

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"
Arr Cindy Berry

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Member-in-Discernment
Worship Leader, Patty Sherwood
Greeters, Tad Wysor & Jeanette Sherrill
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

Worship Next Week: Worship Leader, Donna Eyster; Greeters, Ivan Harner (Roomie) **and Ellie Gusman** (Zoomie).

Advent Has Begun!!! We are preparing for the fast-approaching arrival of Jesus, Christmastide, and the new liturgical year. The Advent Planning Team is working on some creative, exciting things to bring joy to this Christmas season.

- **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Candle Lighting Service, *Come and See,*** will be hybrid (in-person and on zoom) 7:00 pm. We need several readers for this service. If you would like to read one of the lessons, let Margaret Harner know (text/phone 734-417-6532).
- **There will be no service on Sunday, Christmas Day.**
- **January 1st, Zoom only, *The Gospel According to Sheep.*** We will all be participating as sheep. Thank you to Jeanette Sherrill for taking the lead in putting this special, creative service together. Stay tuned for details!

***What's Left of the Night*, 2022 Advent-Christmastide Devotional,** is available **NOW** in pdf format. Please sign-up for a copy at the table by the entry door or contact Margaret Harner by phone or txt at **734-417-6532.** It is lovely daily devotionals for Avent/Christmas written by writers of the Stillspeaking Writers' Group.

Stewardship Campaign - Faith and Giving: On this Communion Sunday, we will be dedicating our pledges and gifts for the coming year. Faith and giving are woven into our history and our future. If you have not already made your pledge, please prayerfully consider your generous commitment to this worship community. Send your pledge to-

Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner. amnicollturner@gmail.com

Our Monday Zoom Community Discernment Gatherings are temporarily "On Pause" to allow us to be fully engaged in our Advent/Christmas liturgical worship season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will resume our discernment gatherings in mid-January. **Please attend the Church Council Meeting on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm via Zoom to hear some exiting news about new resources supporting our congregation's discernment work and church vitality.**

During this "Pause," please continue contemplating the question *"What makes us a church?" (vs. another type of non-profit, community organization, club, or volunteer group).* When we gear up again next month, we will review our most recent "Mission Statement(s)" as a launch point for our discussion. Thanks to all who are contributing their time, talents, and love to gathering weekly as we listen for the Holy Spirit's still speaking voice calling us toward our shared future ministry together.

Florida Fruit Drive Continues: You can make a difference! Your purchases support Florida's economic recovery from Hurricane Ian AND our church's local Washtenaw County ministries and social justice work. We are again partnering with Indian River Groves in Florida to provide citrus products. This is an annual fund raiser for Ypsilanti First

Congregational UCC. **If you would like a reminder list of those people you sold to last year, please let Ivan know; txt him at 734-417-6531, or email ivanharner@gmail.com.**

We have found the fruit to be excellent and the company very responsive, and cooperative to work with. Share this information with friends and family. Please help us meet our fund-raising goals! This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Orders must be placed by December 11 to be received before Christmas!

Use the link below to make your order

www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1017616

or go to our web site www.ypsiucc.org

Giving Tree 2022

The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide Christmas cheer to children in our church family as well as WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) families at Christmas time. Here is how you can participate.

Roomies, choose an ornament and purchase a gift certificate for $30 from Meijer listed on the ornament.

Please return your gift certificate to Margaret Harner or Patty Sherwood TODAY!

Zoomies, make a Tithely donation of $30 and we will purchase the gift certificate. Mark the donation as Giving Tree.

Please complete your purchase no later than December 4th. You can also send a check to the church and note Giving Tree.

This ministry has continued for several decades and has brought cheer of the season to many young people.

WeROC announces Race and Poverty Institute: Several members of the WeROC leadership team will travel to Chicago for the **Race and Poverty Institute** sponsored by the Gamalieal Network, of which WeROC is a member. As a formal member of WeROC, our congregation is a part of this national event. The link for more exciting details is below:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
November 29, 2022

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The Gamaliel Network launches Race and Power Institute at 4th Biennial Race and Power in America Summit

Chicago, IL (November 29, 2022) – The Gamaliel Network is pleased to announce the launch of the Race and Power Institute on Wednesday, November 30, 2022. "The Gamaliel Race and Power Institute will develop and house racial equity training curricula and resources; engage in race research, analysis, and action; and oversee the Race and Power in America Summit planning and implementation," said Angela K. James, the Institute's Inaugural Director, and a veteran organizer in the Gamaliel Network.

The launch takes place against the backdrop of Gamaliel's 4th Biennial Race and Power in America Summit, November 30 through December 3, 2022 at the Maritime Conference Center outside of Baltimore, MD.

The Summit itself features a powerful line-up of plenary and other speakers, including: Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers (AFT); Rev. Adam Taylor, President, Sojourners; Mary Novak, Executive Director, NETWORK Lobby; Madeline Janis, Executive Director, Jobs to Move America (JMA); Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson, President/CEO, Children's Defense Fund; and Jim Wallis, inaugural holder of the Chair in Faith and Justice and the founding Director of the Georgetown University Center on Faith and Justice. In addition, Gamaliel will celebrate 35 years of successful faith-based community organizing during a celebration dinner on Friday evening, December 2.

Rev. Dr. John C. Welch, chair of the Gamaliel Board of Directors, reminds us that much has happened since our last biennial Summit. "Coronavirus has disparately impacted communities of color, our democracy was threatened by an insurrection at the Capitol, and migrants are escaping violence in their countries and seeking refuge in record numbers along the southern border. The stark political divide in this country and the significant rise in White Christian Nationalism have led to a dangerous strain of racist ideologies, malignant Christian beliefs, and violence. White hoods have been replaced by white collared shirts and nooses have been replaced by neckties."

"After nearly a decade of studying the effects of institutional racism and developing organizing strategies to mitigate its impact on low income communities, the Network is making a significant pivot," said Ana Garcia-Ashley, Gamaliel's second Executive Director and the first woman of color and an immigrant to lead a faith-based community organizing network. "The Gamaliel Race and Power Institute will formalize our enduring place in the public arena as a leader in racial equity work, while fulfilling our commitment to live into our transformational narrative and our long-term agenda of being an anti-racist organization that fights for racial equity on every level and across every racial and ethnic identity."

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Gamaliel is a grassroots network of non-partisan, faith-based organizations in 13 states and 44 regions that has, for 35 years, trained ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives. Gamaliel's work is rooted in a shared set of values like diversity, inclusion, and democracy. Gamaliel is committed to a long-term transformational agenda that creates structural racial equity, builds the people's control of government and the economy, and expands the public sphere. Gamaliel builds power to transform the world as it is into a new world marked by equity, compassion, hope, shared abundance, and radical inclusiveness.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Longing for light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT 98. 96 with refrain

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
D G C Am Dsus D
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your kin - dom come.

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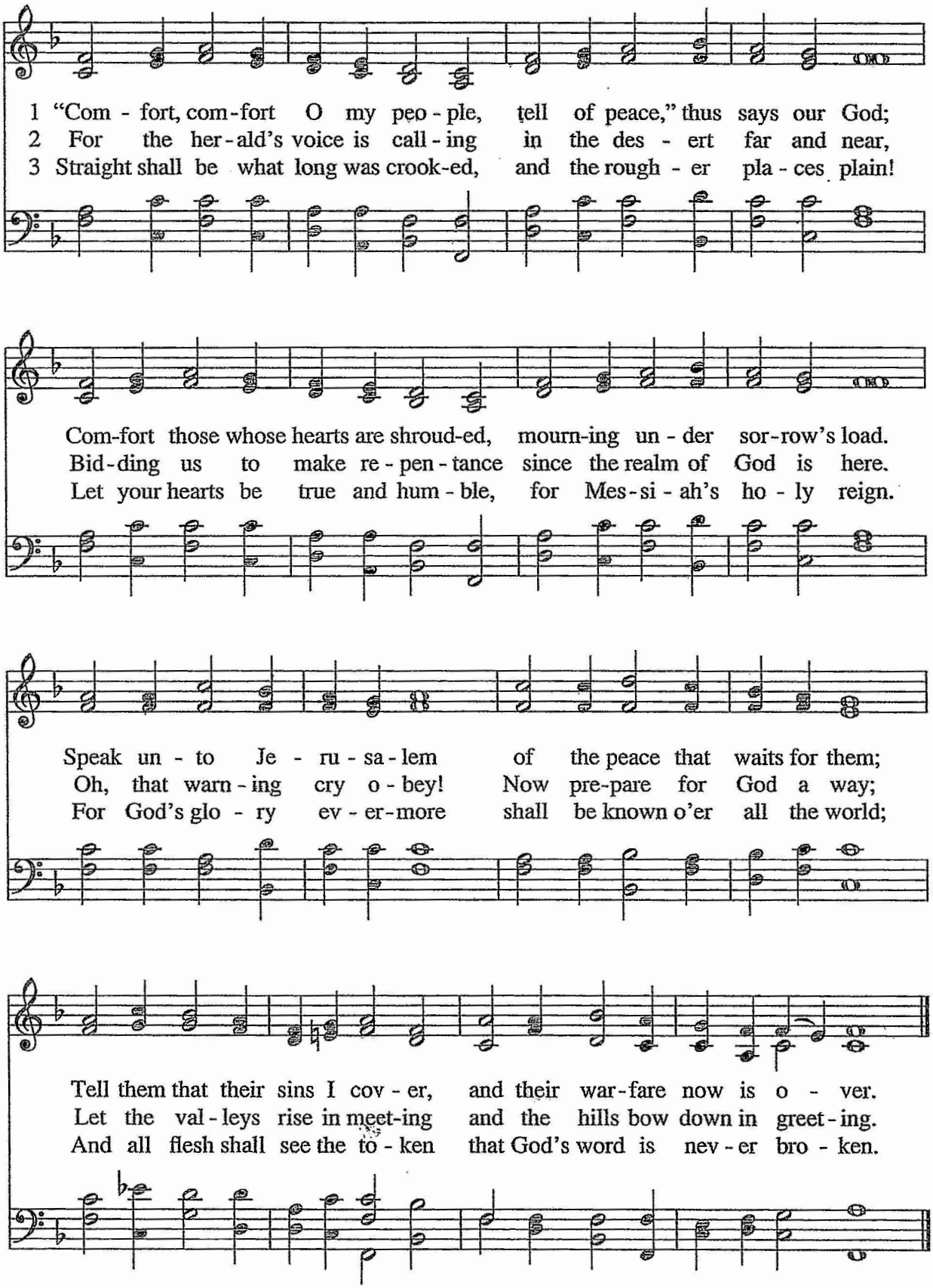
G C G Em Bm Em
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7/D
dark - - - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
C Am7 D G Am7/G
1-4 G
Final G
church gath - ered to - day.
church gath - ered to - day.
1-4
Final

101 Comfort, Comfort O My People

Isa. 40:1–8

Johannes Olearius, 1671
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.


1 "Com - fort, com - fort O my peo - ple, tell of peace," thus says our God;
2 For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er pla - ces plain!
Com-fort those whose hearts are shroud-ed, mourn-ing un - der sor-row's load.
Bid - ding us to make re - pen - tance since the realm of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, for Mes - si - ah's ho - ly reign.
Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-pare for God a way;
For God's glo - ry ev - er-more shall be known o'er all the world;
Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Written for John the Baptist's Day, June 24, this hymn clearly reflects the Isaiah text. Johannes Olearius, a Lutheran pastor, held a faculty appointment at Wittenberg University as well as church administration positions in his region.

Tune: PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8.
(FREU DICH SEHR)
Trente quatre Pseaumes, *Geneva, 1551*

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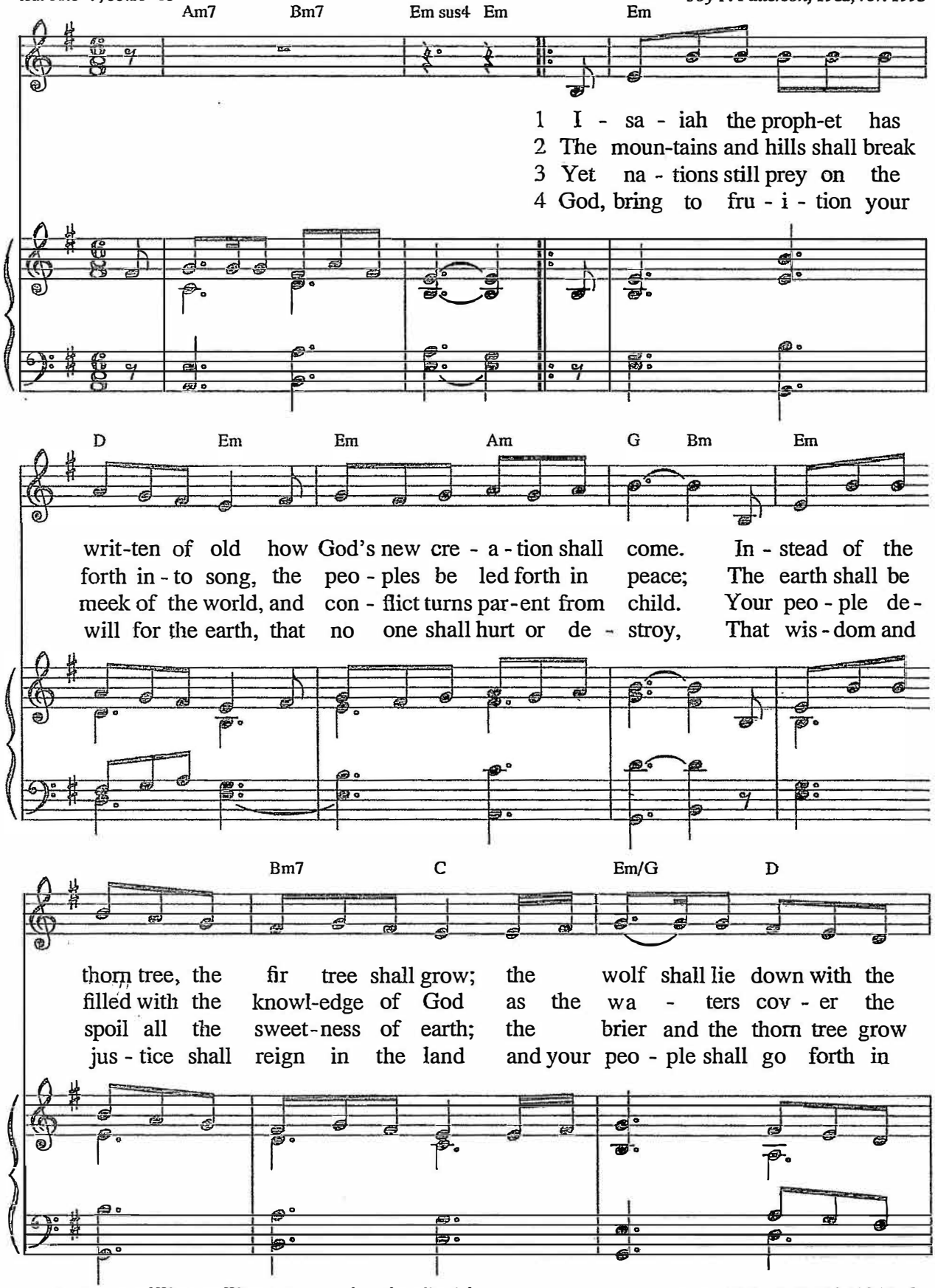
108 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Isa. 11:6–9; 55:10–13

Joy F. Patterson, 1982; rev. 1993


Am7 Bm7 Em sus4 Em Em
1 I - sa - iah the proph-et has writ-ten of old how God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the
2 The moun-tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the peo - ples be led forth in peace; The earth shall be
3 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and con - flict turns par-ent from child. Your peo - ple de -
4 God, bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that no one shall hurt or de - stroy, That wis - dom and
D Em Em Am G Bm Em
Bm7 C Em/G D
thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the
filled with the knowl-edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the
spoil all the sweet-ness of earth; the brier and the thorn tree grow
jus - tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in

Joy Patterson, of Wausau, Wisconsin, served on the editorial committee for The Presbyterian Hymnal, *1990. This text was one of seven winning hymns published in* New Hymns for Children *by Choristers Guild and The Hymn Society of America.*

Tune: JUDAS AND MARY Irr.
Sydney Carter, 1964

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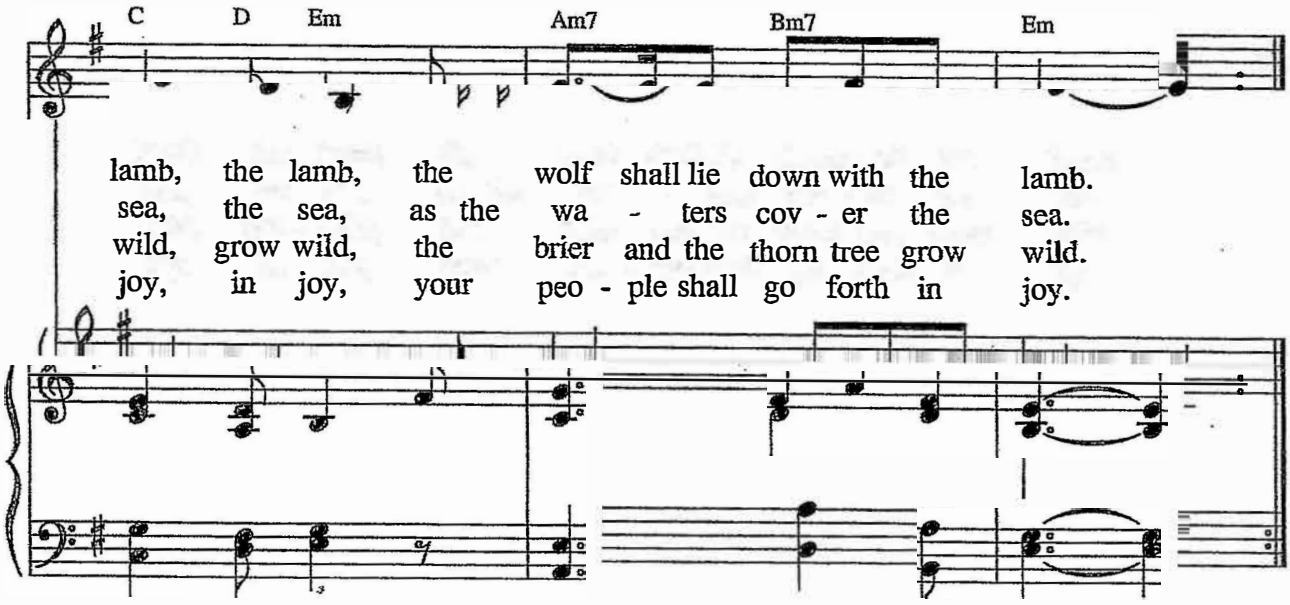
C D Em Am7 Bm7 Em
lamb, the lamb, the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
sea, the sea, as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
wild, grow wild, the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.
joy, in joy, your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

108 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Joy Forster Patterson (b. 1931) wrote this text in 1981, based on the vision of the peaceable dominion in Isaiah 11. It was one of the winning hymns in a 1982 contest sponsored by the Hymn Society and was published in *New Hymns for Children* that same year.

Joy F. Patterson was born in Lansing, Michigan, and grew up in LaGrange, Illinois. A Fulbright scholar at the University of Strasbourg, France, she taught French and worked as a Social Security claims representative. As a musician, she is mostly self-taught and has six published choral pieces.

Sydney Bertram Carter (b. 1915) wrote this music in 1964 for his song known as JUDAS AND MARY. Carter composed church music largely in a folk-song style, and his work quickly became popular with youth during the 1970s in England and the United States.

Sydney B. Carter, born in Camden, England, was a schoolmaster at Frensham Heights School and served with the Quaker Ambulance Unit during World War II. His two collections of songs are *9 Ballads or Carols* (1962) and *Green Print for Song* (1973).

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child 136

African-American traditional; alt. *Luke 1:30–35; 2:8–14*

Je-sus, Je-sus, oh, what a won-der-ful child.
Je-sus, Je-sus, so ho-ly, meek, and mild; new
life, new hope the Child will bring. Lis-ten to the
an-gels sing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo - ry," let the heav-ens ring!

This gospel song praising the newborn Child might be effectively used by repeating it several times. It could be sung softly as a background for dance, story, or drama. Finger-snaps on the off-beats might be used to fill the rests.

Tune: WONDERFUL CHILD 11.10.8.7.11.
African-American traditional
Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1992

Jeffrey Paul Radford, was music director for 36 years at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Under his direction, the Trinity choirs sang throughout Chicago, in a dozen U.S. cities and performed in Switzerland, Germany, Puerto Rico and Cuba. In 1995 he was part of the team that created the UCC New Century Hymnal, with inclusive language and widened the inclusion of new hymns and hymns from around the world. He was instrumental in creating the UCC African American Hymnal.

Mr. Radford's father, a jazz musician, encouraged his son's musical interest. By age 10, Mr. Radford was studying piano. He was an adjunct faculty member at Chicago Theological Seminary and, after his death in 2002, he received a posthumous doctor of divinity degree from CTS for his contributions to musical ministry.

Come to the Table of Grace

♩=90
F C/E Dm F7/C B♭ C7
1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the ta - ble of
2. Come to the ta - ble of peace. Come to the ta - ble of
3. Come to the ta - ble of love. Come to the ta - ble of
4. Come to the ta - ble of joy. Come to the ta - ble of
♩=90
7
F C F Gm7 F/A
grace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
peace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
love. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
joy. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
12
B♭sus2 F/C B♭/C C7 F B♭/F F
mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of peace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of love.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of joy.

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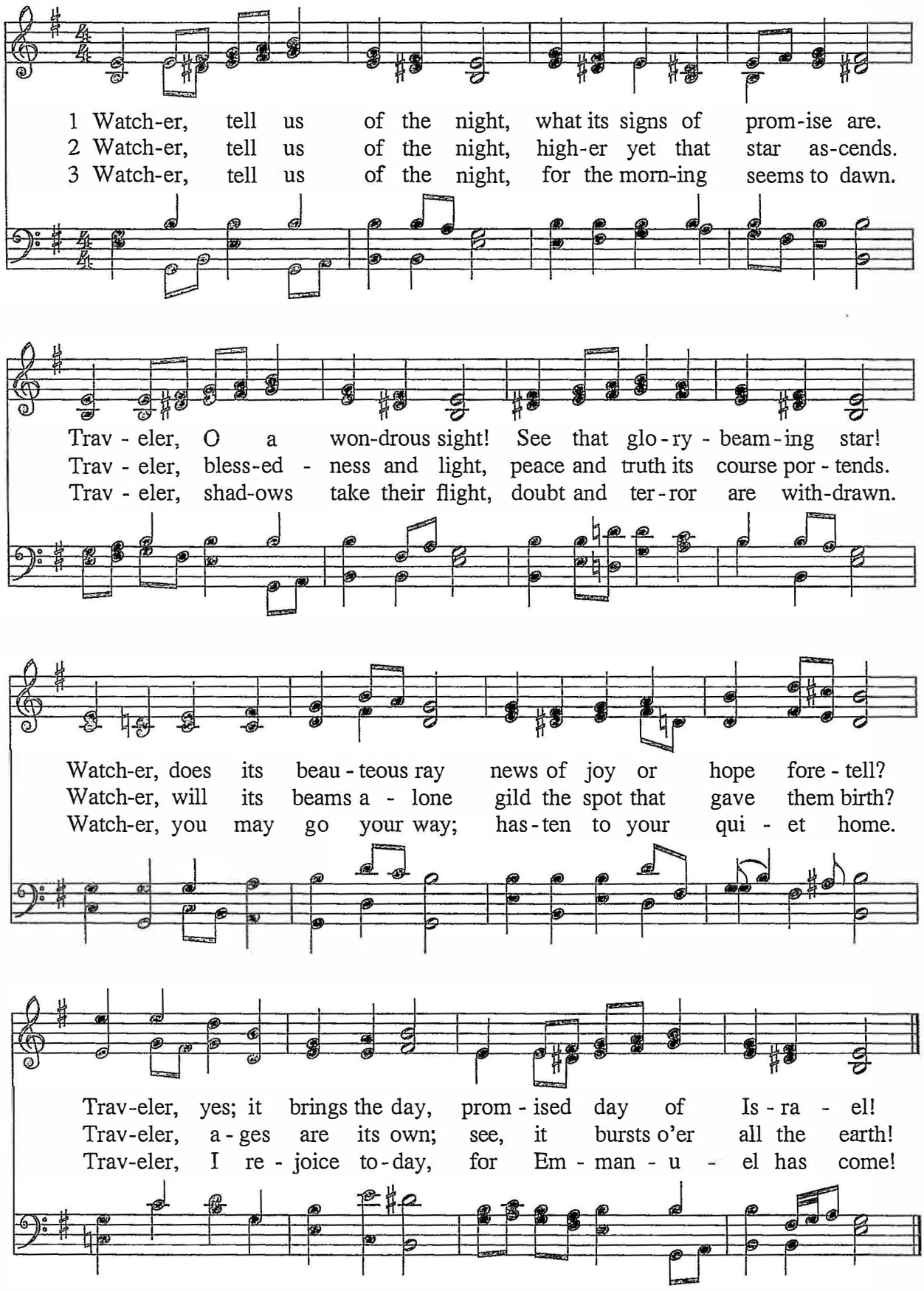
103 Watcher, Tell Us of the Night

Isa. 21:11–12

John Bowring, 1825; alt.


1 Watch-er, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch-er, tell us of the night, high-er yet that star as-cends.
3 Watch-er, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.
Trav - eler, O a won-drous sight! See that glo - ry - beam - ing star!
Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
Trav - eler, shad-ows take their flight, doubt and ter - ror are with-drawn.
Watch-er, does its beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch-er, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-er, you may go your way; has - ten to your qui - et home.
Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el!
Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!
Trav-eler, I re - joice to - day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

This hymn, a dialogue between watcher and traveler, was suggested by the dialogue in Isaiah 21:11–12. John Bowring was a gifted linguist, worker for political and social reform, member of Parliament, and governor of Hong Kong.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.7.D.
Joseph Parry, 1879
Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR